



## WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

Forest Order # 2016-0616 WW- 02



### **FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

#### **WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST**

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all areas within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, except for that portion of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area located on the sections of the Nez Perce – Clearwater and Payette National Forests in Idaho, administered by the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, and the area within a ¼ mile of the Snake River between Hells Canyon Dam, River Mile 247.5, downstream to the Oregon-Washington border at Snake River Mile 176.0, beginning 00:01, August 3, 2016, until further notice:

- 1) It is prohibited to build, tend or maintain a campfire, including fires with charcoal briquette fires (**36 CFR 261.52a**), except in accordance with the following requirements:
  - A. **Campfires** allowed only in fire pits surrounded by dirt, rock, or commercial rings and in areas not conducive to rapid fire spread, at a minimum clear of all flammable material within a radius of 3 feet from the edge of the pit and free of overhanging material. Use existing pits wherever possible.
    1. Campfires must be attended at all times, and completely extinguished prior to leaving.
    2. Persons with campfires are required to have a tool that can serve as a shovel and one gallon of water in their possession (except in specified developed recreation sites listed in Exhibit A where campground host is present). The intent of this requirement is to ensure individuals with a campfire to have the tools necessary to completely extinguish their campfire per “a” above.
    3. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled gas and wood burning stoves equipped with a chimney that is at least five (5) feet in length with a spark-arresting screen consisting of ¼ inch mesh hardware cloth are allowed.
    4. Use of charcoal briquettes is permitted under the same restrictions as campfires as described above.



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Within designated wilderness areas users are encouraged to locate fires such that minimal disturbance would be necessary to meet the clearing requirements identified. Naturally cleared areas, previously used sites, and areas where vegetation is non-flammable (green grass) are examples. Possession of a typical backpacking folding shovel (commercially available) meets the intent of a tool as described in item "b" above.

- 2) **Chainsaws** may be operated only between the hours of 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. local time. A one hour fire watch is required after saw operations cease. Saw operators are required to have an axe (minimum 2 lb head, 26" length), shovel (8" wide, 26" length), and fire extinguisher (minimum ABC 8 oz) in their possession.
  - A. This order is exempt for Persons who possess a valid Personal Use Firewood Permit or other special use permit allowing chainsaw use and must follow the conditions outlined in their permit.
- 3) **Smoking** allowed only in enclosed vehicles and buildings, or areas cleared of flammable material with a minimum clearance of 3 feet.
- 4) **No off-road/off-trail vehicle travel** or travel on roads not cleared of standing grass or other flammable material; no vehicle travel on those FS roads where access has been impeded or blocked by earthen berm, logs, boulders, barrier, barricade or gate, or as otherwise identified in the Fire Order. Off-road/off-trail travel to access firewood as allowed under firewood permit is exempt.

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (1.) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
- (2.) Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Baker City, Oregon, this   2   day of August, 2016.

/s/Thomas Montoya  
THOMAS MONTOYA  
Forest Supervisor  
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest



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Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571)



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### **EXHIBIT A**

#### **Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Developed Recreation Sites**

##### **Near Baker City, Oregon**

\*Anthony Lakes Campground  
and Picnic Area  
*(Water and Shovel not required)*  
Grande Ronde Lake Campground  
and Day Use  
McCully Forks Campground  
Millers Lane Campground  
Mud Lake Campground  
Peavy Cabin  
Southwest Shore Campground  
\*Union Creek Campground & Picnic Area  
*(Water and Shovel not required)*

##### **Near La Grande, Oregon**

Birdtrack Springs Campground  
Boulder Park Campground  
Buck Creek Trailhead  
Moss Springs Campground  
North Fork Catherine Ck. Campground  
North Fork Catherine Ck. Trailhead  
North Fork Catherine Ck. Group Camp  
Spool Cart Campground  
Spring Creek Campground  
Two Color Campground & Guard Station  
Umapine Campground  
West Eagle Meadow Campground & Horse  
Camp

##### **Near Unity, Oregon**

Antlers Guard Station  
Elk Creek Campground  
Oregon Campground  
South Fork Campground  
Steven's Creek Campground  
Wetmore Campground  
Yellow Pine Campground

##### **Near Enterprise, Oregon**

Arrow Forest Campground  
Blackhorse Campground  
Boundary Campground  
Buckhorn Campground  
Canyon Forest Campground  
Coverdale Campground  
Coyote Campground./  
Dougherty Campground  
Hidden Campground  
Hurricane Creek Campground  
Irondyke Campground  
Indian Crossing Campground  
Lick Creek Campground  
Lostine River Corridor Campsites  
Ollokot Campground  
Pole Bridge Day Use  
Saddle Creek Campground  
Shady Campground  
Turkey Flats Campground  
Two Pan Campground  
Vigne Campground  
Walla Walla Campground  
Williamson Campground

##### **Near Halfway, Oregon**

Eagle Forks Campground  
\*Fish Lake Campground  
*(Water and Shovel not required)*  
Lake Fork Campground  
McBride Campground  
Twin Lakes Campground  
Tamarack Campground

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\*Campgrounds with camp hosts in attendance, exempt from campfire fire tool requirement.



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### **Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan**

#### **1. Background:**

These restrictions have been deemed necessary because of increasingly dry fire conditions on the forest.

#### **2. Intent of Subpart B Order:**

These restrictions are intended to reduce the occurrence of human caused wildfires.

#### **3. Enforcement Plan:**

This order will be enforceable by LEOs, FPOs and Special agents. Education will be emphasized during initial implementation phase of this order. Officers will exercise normal discretion in resolving violations. Evening patrols will be emphasized, especially on weekends.

#### **4. Posting:**

The forest and district staff is responsible for posting this order in a reasonable manner.



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<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LEI input	8/2/2016
Review proposed order	Patrol Captain	8/2/2016
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	8/2/2016
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and Staff	As needed
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	PAO	As needed
Education will be emphasized during initial implementation phase of this order. Officers will exercise normal discretion in resolving violations. Officers will normally not issue citations unless the affected areas are adequately posted. Evening patrols will be emphasized, especially on weekends.	Law Enforcement Personnel/Forest Protection Officers	Upon Approval

Thomas Montoya

THOMAS MONTOYA  
Forest Supervisor

Robert W Field

R. W. Field  
Patrol Captain